

Three Ellinwood Mothers Find American Christmas Exciting

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With the Christmas season upon us and amid the hustle and bustle accompanying it we don't always take time to count all of our blessings. Especially we native Americans. It's not so with three Ellinwood women.

Gwen Turner, of 23321 Shadycroft Ave., just became an American citizen last month. She hails from Sydney, Australia. Gwen served in the Royal Australian Air Force during World War II. She met her husband James while he was serving overseas in the U.S. Army. They were married in Sydney in 1944 and came to the U.S. in 1946. After living here in California for three years they went back to Australia on a trip and stayed from 1949 to 1952. They decided they wanted to make their permanent home in Cali-

fornia and now live here in Ellinwood with their two girls, Sandy Lou, aged 9, and Terry Lee, 20 months.

Gwen's mother, Mrs. Adelaide Colling, has been visiting for the past 18 months at Gwen's home and her other daughter's home in Anaheim. Mrs. Joyce Thornhill, who also married a "Yank," as Gwen stated it. Mrs. Colling would like to make her permanent home here as soon as immigration quotas permit.

Another war bride living here is Pamela Donald of 5522 Green Meadows. Her native country is England and her home town is Richmond, right outside London. Pam served in the Royal Air Force during World War II and she married George M. Donald in 1945 while he was serving overseas with the army. They came to the U.S. in 1946 and settled right here in California. Pam and their 9-year-old daughter, Pamela Sherring, who was 7 at the time, returned to England for a visit summer before last. They were there from May to September and George was able to go over and visit them for two weeks when his company sent him over on business.

Our third Ellinwoodite from another country is pretty Irish colleen Phyllis Short of 23407 Shadycroft Ave. Phyllis is from Limerick, Ireland. She came to the United States in 1947 to live with her aunt in Troy, N.Y. She met and married William S. Short while he was a student at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy. After living in several colder states they moved to California two and a half years ago and are now in Ellinwood with their two children, Michael, aged 4, and Pauline, aged 2. Phyllis and her son Mike went back to Ireland on a visit in 1953 for three months. Her sister and brother are in the United States now, but her oldest sister and her parents are still in Ireland.

Chris Johnson's birthday falls on Christmas Day, so his parents, Mary and Carl, always celebrate early. This year they held a spaghetti dinner on the 5th for 14 classmates.

They played several games, among them pin the beard on Santa Claus.

Prizes were won by Steven Knapp and Nancy Gibbs. The house was decorated throughout with the Christmas theme. Children present were Debbie Zurberg, Jimmy Telfer, Chris Mosley, Steven Trudell, Julie Taylor, Bobby Frost, Jimmy Cash, Randy Johnson, Kathy Peck, Trudy Moll, Michelle DeArmitt and Chris' sister Karen.

The Ellinwood Bridge Club met for a Christmas luncheon at the new Push Horse restaurant on the 12th of December. The social outing was in honor of Maude Buckley who will be leaving for Kansas City next month. Maude's sister, Helen Owen, visiting from Panama, was also able to attend. Others in the group were Barbara Weaver, JoAnn Doudna, Janet Robinson, Jeanne Pope, Rosalie Davis, Cecil Banaszynski, Liz Patton, Sonnie Tomchak, Jean Asher, Janet Smith and Janice Lee.

Preparing Christmas gifts have kept the Brownies of

Troop 239 busy for many weeks. The girls made 20 stuffed toys and ipbooks which they presented to the children of the Harbor Exceptional Children's School in San Pedro. The troop visited the school Friday morning and had the privilege of watching the rehearsal for the Christmas program.

Yesterday morning the girls celebrated their troop's first birthday with a Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Ramon Pickering, 4414 Green meadows Ave. Troop leaders presented a gift and Christmas stockings to each girl. Mrs. Nathan Goode, troop leader, invited Mrs. Ramon Pickering and Mrs. Walter Liechty as new co-leaders of the troop. Receiving their first year membership star were Diane Charles, Jean Goode, Carolyn Harris, Marsha Hurst, Vicki Lee, Joan Liechty, Marsha Moxley, Toni Pickering, Lucretia Trotter and Kathleen Zurberg.

Another Wednesday Christmas party was held by the Brownies of Troop 216 at the home of their leader, Mrs. Clarence Connelly, at 113 Via El Chico. Assisting Mrs. Connelly as hostesses were Mrs. Vince Hoefling, Mrs. Norbert Hunt and Mrs. Stanley Fleener. The girls exchanged gifts and each brought a toy which will be donated to the Toy Loan collection organized by the fifth grade Girl Scouts in their neighborhood.

Yuletide parties are in full swing this week. If you are having one, how about giving us a ring?

Here's hoping everyone has the very merriest Christmas ever! And please, let us not forget the religious significance of Christmas.

METAL GROUPS

There are six metals in the so-called platinum group. They are known commercially as platinum, iridium, osmium, palladium, rhodium and ruthenium.

Garden Chatter

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Many of us notice this time of the year that the leaves on many of our evergreen plants show dead or dying areas at the tip or in circular spots on the leaf itself. One of the most noticeable at this time is the leaves on our avocado trees.

Leaf burn of avocado is caused in the main by sodium or chloride accumulations in the leaf and an inadequate water supply which necessitates our continued irrigation. In years of normal or above normal rainfall, this type of damage is not so prominent.

The most frequent type of scorch in avocado leaves is commonly described as tip burn which starts at the tip of the leaf and progresses down the blade and sometimes along the margins. This causes the natural function of the leaves to slow up or cease and may cause defoliation. Analyses of affected leaves show a close relationship between total chloride and the severity of the tip burn.

Mature leaves free from tip burn seldom contain as much as .5 per cent chloride on the dry weight basis, but when

from one tenth to one third of the leaf is killed the chloride in the remaining live part of the leaf usually ranges from .75 to 1 per cent.

A second leaf-burn pattern caused by sodium accumulation does not start at the tip of the leaf but usually as scorched spots near the margin or in the interior area of the leaf. This type of leaf burn may occur in conjunction with the tipburn pattern of the chloride injury. Sodium build-ups also occur along the small branches or twigs.

Now what are some of the things that we can do during the coming year to help our plants from this type of damage. One of the most important things is to not overwater for our tap water contains various percentages of these compounds we are discussing. Improvement of drainage is also very important so that these salts will be washed away from the root areas.

We can also combat these build-ups to a degree with acidifying compounds during the growing season. When we use these acidifiers we must be careful not to overfertilize.



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